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SUBJECT: (S/NF) SENIOR INDIAN GOVERNMENT VIEWS TOWARD
INDO-PAK RELATIONSHIP (C-SA9-01510)

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[11.](#) (S/NF) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS PLAN TO PROVIDE AN UPDATED ASSESSMENT OF INDIA-PAKISTAN RELATIONS ON 21 JULY 2009, IN RESPONSE TO RECENT SENIOR US POLICYMAKER REQUESTS. WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL REPORTING POST CAN PROVIDE, AS TIME AND RESOURCES PERMIT, ON THE TOPICS AND QUESTIONS BELOW.

[1A.](#) (S/NF) WHAT ARE NEW DELHI'S VIEWS ON THE CURRENT STATE AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIA-PAKISTAN RELATIONS?

[1B.](#) (S/NF) DESCRIBE ANY INDIAN LEADERSHIP BELIEFS ABOUT WHEN THE RIGHT TIME WOULD BE TO START MAKING CHANGES TO THE INDIA-PAKISTAN RELATIONSHIP. WHICH INDIAN LEADERS WANT TO PUSH FORWARD ON CHANGES TO THE INDO-PAK RELATIONSHIP? WHAT ARE LEADERS' PERCEPTIONS ABOUT THE IDEA OF CHANGING THE STATUS QUO ON BILATERAL DISPUTES LIKE KASHMIR AND SIACHEN?

[1C.](#) (S/NF) WHO ARE THE STRONGEST INDIAN ADVOCATES FOR MAKING CHANGES AT THE PRESENT TIME? WHO ARE MOST AGAINST THE IDEA? FOR EITHER POSITION, WHAT ARE THEIR MOTIVATIONS? WHO ARE THEIR POLITICAL ALLIES AND HOW STRONG IS THEIR SENTIMENT REGARDING MAKING CHANGES NOW?

[1D.](#) (S/NF) WHAT PAKISTANI OR INTERNATIONAL POLICIES OR EFFORTS, SHORT OF RESOLVING THE BILATERAL DISPUTES, WOULD BE BEST RECEIVED BY INDIAN LEADERS? WHICH SUCH INITIATIVES WOULD BUILD THEIR CONFIDENCE IN PAKISTAN'S GOVERNMENT?

[1E.](#) (S/NF) HOW DO INDIAN LEADERS VIEW THE IDEA OF BACKCHANNEL TALKS WITH PAKISTAN?

[12.](#) (U) PLEASE CITE C-SA9-01510 IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF REPORTING IN RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS.
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